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OP³ creates and develops public private partnerships to stimulate positive change in the community and encourage civic involvement and responsibility.

The office brings together representatives and resources from public and private sectors to address community issues impacting the quality of life in the County.

This pooling of resources has an effectiveness which surpasses government or private institutions acting alone.



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Project Discovery Launches 44 More Students to College Careers

Project Discovery—a program that encourages students to achieve educational excellence and to ultimately pursue college educations—held its Annual Recognition Banquet on May 15, 2009 that celebrated this year's students' achievements, and recognized the students heading off to college this fall.

This year's students represented a variety of area high schools including Falls Church High School, JEB Stuart High School. Mt. Vernon High School, West Potomac High School, and George Mason High School.

The 2009 graduating seniors have been accepted at:

- Bowdoin College
- George Mason University
- Lafayette University
- Liberty University
- Longwood University
- Marymount University
- Norfolk State University
- Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria
- Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale
- Old Dominion University
- Richard Bland College of the College of William & Mary

- Shenandoah University
- University of Tampa
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech
- Virginia Wesleyan University
- Wesley College of Delaware

Project Discovery is managed by OP³, and is a collegial partnership among Fairfax County public schools, area colleges and universities, area businesses and the Virginia Department of Education.

Project Discovery needs your support. You can get involved by volunteering as mentor, tutor, seminar/workshop leader, donating money for tuition assistance, or offering internships and employment.

For the 2009-2010 school year, Project Discovery will be transitioned from OP³ to the Fairfax County Public School System as part of their college access programming. For more information contact Swain Pessaud, OP³ Partnership Developer, or (703)324-5216. Swaim.Pessaud@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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OP³ Introduces New Agency Director

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors named Patricia Stevens as OP³'s new Executive Director.

Stevens has been with Fairfax County since 1999, and was most recently the director for the North County Regional Office of the Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS). From 1999-2004, Stevens was a services integration manager in the Research Analysis and Project Services division of DSMHS.

Stevens previously worked in the Office of the Secretary in Planning and Evaluation, at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In addition to her public service, Stevens has 10 years of experience in fund-raising and development with community and national nonprofit organizations. Stevens is certified through the International Association for Public Participation and is certified as a process manager.

Stevens holds a Master of Public Administration in inter-governmental affairs from the University of Central Florida and a bachelor's in government with a minor in European literature from the College of William and Mary.



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Virginia HOT Lanes Project Gives Birth to Environmental Partnership Opportunities

The clearing of trees and vegetation to make way for the construction of the new High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes on I-495 caused the destruction of wildlife habitats and the removal of many native plants as well as old growth quality forest around the existing highway system.

OP³, together with local realtor, Amy Gould, created the Fairfax County Restoration Project (FCRP), in an effort to bring together a variety of organizations to address the soil restoration, wildlife and plant issues being created by the HOT Lanes Project. FCRP's goal is to foster relationships between state, county, business and non-profit organizations for the purpose of finding ways to work together to improve the County's environment and quality of life.

FCRP brings together partners to provide support and address potential environmental impacts of future growth and development. FCRP supports Fairfax County's Green Initiative and will include planting trees, preserving Remote Public Access areas, promoting soil restoration, addressing invasive plants, restoration of wildlife habitats, and encouraging community gardening.

Restoration projects underway include:

- * A schoolyard greening project at Shrevewood School in Falls Church, Virginia (May 2009).
- * Promoting voluntary participation by developers to rescue plants in areas slated for development by providing volunteers to rescue,



relocate and foster plants for implanting in pre-determined areas at a later time.

- * Developing a website to connect people with tremendous efforts being made towards greening Fairfax County both by County agencies and non-profits. The website will include providing a central place for both the County and volunteer groups to list environmental information, and the calendar will provide an interactive one-stop for volunteer opportunities available at a glance.

For more information about FCRP and how you can get involved, contact Karen Fuentes at OP³ (703) 324-5176, or Karen.Walz-Fuentes@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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OP³ and Volunteer Fairfax Host Bootcamp For Managing Volunteers

Do you want to learn more about how to effectively work with volunteers? Are you looking to expand the number of volunteers serving your organization?

Register now for Volunteer Management Boot Camp, June 24 or June 30, an intense, fast-paced course that will teach you the secrets of the volunteer cycle including program planning, targeted recruitment and volunteer supervision in under three hours.

Sponsored by the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships and conducted by Volunteer Fairfax, this is a great course for those who manage volunteers on a regular basis, as well as those who want to know more about working with volunteers.

Fairfax County employees can register through Employee University (course VM100).

For more information, contact Theresa Benincasa at OP³, 703-324-5171 or Theresa.Benincasa@fairfaxcounty.gov.

10 Ways to Give in Fairfax County

A priority of OP³ is to create connections between non-profit organizations and potential donors.

Although there are many outstanding organizations that contribute to the quality of life in our community, this list represents ten organizations that support and address current priorities and initiatives supported by Fairfax County.

This list will be updated periodically to address changing needs and priorities. Contact the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships for information on other organizations to support at (703) 324-5171.



Organization	What	Dollar Amount / Range
CareFaxLTC www.carefaxltc.org	Projects that increase the quality and scope of long term care services for seniors and adults with disabilities.	All donations accepted.
Celebrate Fairfax www.celebratefairfax.org	Northern Virginia Events Network (NoVEN) provides resources for grassroots organizations.	Membership levels—\$35-\$250
Fairfax Cares www.fairfaxcares.org	Community effort to assist organizations involved with emergency relief services for families and individuals.	All donations accepted.
Fairfax Law Enforcement Foundation www.fairfaxfoundation.org	Provide educational programs and training to residents and law enforcement personnel.	All donations accepted.
Fairfax Partnership for Youth, Inc. (FPY) www.fairfaxyouth.org	Program to promote positive youth development.	Sponsorships—\$250-\$2,000
Fairfax County Park Foundation's Bright Futures Program www.fxpc.org	Scholarship program for low income children to attend summer day camps.	Give a low income child a week of camp for \$50 or the entire summer for \$300. All donations accepted.
Fairfax Futures www.fairfax-futures.org	Promotes quality early childhood education and school readiness.	All donations accepted.
Fairfax Library Foundation www.fairfaxlibraryfoundation.org	Buy, Borrow and Donate a Library Book through the Amazon.com Wish List to enhance your library.	All donations accepted.
Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP) www.mccpfoundation.org	Medical and dental coverage for uninsured children in Fairfax County.	All donations accepted.
SkillSource Group www.myskillsource.org	Educating Youth through Employment (E.Y.E. program) to provide summer jobs.	\$500-\$2,500

Identifying the Value that Partnerships Bring to Fairfax County

A significant component of OP³'s work is to determine the value of resources that new partnerships bring to Fairfax County. Using principals derived from Return on Investment (ROI) calculations as applied to the public sector, OP³ assesses partner contributions including donated resources: monetary, in-kind and volunteer or cost-savings that benefit county taxpayers. New or strengthened partnerships increase the capacity of county agencies and community organizations to address priorities more effectively.

Some estimates of partnership contributions that count toward an annual tally of "added-value" include:

- ✦ \$226,000 added value from available pro-bono legal services, grant technical assistance and improvements in use of public website from the collaborative efforts of the Northern Virginia Foreclosure Prevention and Mitigation.
- ✦ Nearly \$2,000 added value from rescued native plants, volunteer contribution and reduced mowing costs from efforts of the Fairfax County Restoration Partnership at one county school location.
- ✦ \$12,000 in contributions by the Rotary Club of Tysons Corner to Park Foundation to insure the continuation of the Concert in the Park series for Summer 2009.

This summer, Georgetown MBA student Carly Coho will be working with OP³, bringing cutting-edge research and business school view to help us refine and share estimates for leveraged value of the contributions of public and private sectors working together.



OP³ Unites Public Private Experts On Financial Literacy, June 9th

In these difficult economic times, it is more important than ever for individuals and families in our community to develop better strategies for achieving long-term financial stability.

To help attain this goal, OP³ and Fairfax-area non-profit Our Daily Bread, Inc. (ODB) have join forces with SkillSource of the Fairfax County Department of Family Services to host the Financial Stability Network Forum at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale on June 9, 2009 .

The one-day event features nationally-recognized financial literacy experts and will gather Northern Virginia stakeholders in the public and private sectors to share information about the resources each has to offer and examine gaps that need to be filled.

The forum will enable service providers to better match consumers at all age and income levels with the financial services that can best help them build assets and increase their economic stability. Networking activities will promote collaboration among stakeholders to deliver programs more efficiently and ensure that both public and private resources are utilized more effectively.

ODB introduced a financial mentoring program for the working families it serves in 2005 and has been steadily expanding its Financial Literacy program to reach more Fairfax area residents. Its current public offerings in-

clude a six-week Informed Consumer Education course and free monthly "Thrifty Thursday" budgeting classes. Most recently, the organization launched the "Financial Literacy Roadshow," which brings tailored budgeting and credit information classes to churches, businesses and other interested groups.

The Financial Stability Network Forum is an invitation-only event. The keynote speakers will be Ted Daniels, founder and president of the Society for Financial Education and Professional Development (SFEPP), and Laura Levine, Executive Director of JumpStart, who is a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on Financial Literacy. The Forum's discussion topics include:

- ✦ How the private sector and individuals work to improve financial literacy and build assets
- ✦ How public agencies and non-profit organizations work to improve financial literacy

There will also be a working lunch and networking opportunities.

For registration information, go to www.our-daily-bread.org. For information on how to get involved, contact Tom Meagher at OP³, (703) 324-5319, or Thomas.Meagher@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Ted Daniels
Keynote Speaker



Laura Levine
Keynote Speaker

Foreclosure Prevention & Mitigation Training Wraps Up Second Cycle

The April 29, 2009 workshop was a continuation of an effort that began last December, responding to the current housing crisis. The workshop educates attorneys and paralegals on the foreclosure process in an effort to provide county residents with immediate access to a significant pool of legal experts who can provide their expertise to those most in need.

To date, approximately 135 legal professionals have participated in the training. Once trained, these professionals will donate their time on a volunteer or "pro bono" basis to counsel clients facing foreclosure and assist them in exploring viable alternatives. The attendees will also earn 3.5 MCLE (Mandatory Continuing Legal Education) credits by participating in the workshop.

The goal of this project—which is a partnership between OP³ and Department of Housing & Community Develop-

ment, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, and the Northern Virginia Pro Bono Law Center of the Fairfax Bar Association—is to empower legal professionals with the information necessary to serve Fairfax County residents and housing counseling entities they confront foreclosure-related challenges.

The next round of workshops will take place in the summer of 2009. For more information about the program or how to get involved, contact Ron Jauregui, OP³, (703) 324-5371, or ron.jauregui@fairfaxcounty.gov.

